



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

June 20, 2014

### **CITY POOL OPENINGS**

The Parks & Recreation Department has hired all the necessary lifeguards for the 2014 pool season. Pool openings will occur as follows:

- Rollins, White, Keach and Rolfe Park Pools: Saturday, June 21st
- Merrill and Kimball Park Pools: Monday, June 23rd
- Garrison Park Pool: Saturday, June 28th

All City pools are free to Concord/Penacook residents. Adults are required to show photo ID with address listed. Non-residents must purchase a family pass, which can be bought at the Parks & Recreation office.



The Department is currently accepting registrations for the first session of swim lessons, which begin on Monday, June 23rd. Swim lessons are offered in the morning and evening.

For more information, visit [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com) or call 225-8690.

### **JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

The City's annual July 4th celebration will be held at Memorial Field on July 4th (rain date July 5th). We are very excited to announce that for the first time in several decades, the fireworks will be fired from the Memorial Field Complex itself. This will dramatically increase the visibility of the show for everyone at the park. Highlights of the celebration include:

- 4:00 PM: American Legion Baseball Game (free)
- 5:30 PM: WJYY broadcasting live on site
- 7:30 PM: Never's Band Concert
- 9:15 PM/dusk: Fireworks Show



More information will be available at [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com) on Monday, June 23rd.

### **ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE**

F.L. Merrill Construction and Continental Paving have completed paving the roadway from Boudreau Square north to the Boscawen town line. Granite State Curbing crews have begun installing the granite curb along the roadway and will continue into next week. The concrete sidewalks are slated to be poured next week as well. The City parking lot adjacent to Chief's Restaurant will be reconfigured and paved on Monday, June 23rd.



### **PARTIAL CLOSURE CAPITAL COMMONS PARKING GARAGE**

On Friday, June 20th, at 5:00 PM, the City will be closing a portion of the 4th Floor, as well as the entire 5th Floor, of the Capital Commons Parking Garage. The closure will remain in place until approximately 1:00 AM on Sunday, June 22nd. The closure is being done to accommodate a concert and movie event being put on by the NH Master Chorale and Red River Theatres on Saturday, June 21st.

The closure is being implemented 24 hours before the event in order to ensure all vehicles are moved in adequate time for event setup.

Any cars left in closed sections of the garage will be towed at the owner's expense. Signage and barricades will be installed to inform tenants and the public.

### **PUBLIC MEETING: CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 24th**, at **7:00 PM**, at the former Dame School / Interim Heights Community Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and confirm the findings of the 2011 Community Center Feasibility Study, including the preliminary space program for the project; and to determine if any changes in the community have occurred since 2011. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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### **PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

On Monday, June 23, the Parks & Recreation Office will begin it's summer hours of operation. The office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Extended hours will resume on September 8th.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS APPOINTMENT**

City Administration is pleased to announce the re-appointment of **Michael Aitken** for a three year term on the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds. Michael has served on the Board for the past 15 years.



Highways and Utilities Superintendent **Jim Major** recently received one of the City's **Top Step Awards** for his diligent and consistent customer service in responding to the numerous inquiries his staff received during this past winter. This past winter was colder than normal with a number of events that tried the community's patience. During the season, Jim set the example for his staff, and superiors as well, in addressing residents' concerns. None were too small or insignificant to have his attention. Overall, Jim's leadership and customer service sets the standard for one of the most basic services our residents receive—snow removal.

### **PARALLEL TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION**

Continental Paving is 95% complete with the eastern portion of the taxiway at the Concord Municipal Airport. F.L. Merrill Construction will continue installing conduit for the signs and lights, and sub-base material in preparation for base paving during the week of June 30th.



### **SEWER MAIN LINING**

On Saturday, June 21st, from 1:30 PM to 11:00 PM, and on Sunday, June 22nd, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the contractor will be lining a cross country sewer main adjacent to Memorial Field. There will be no traffic impacts and equipment will be staged at Memorial Field. Next week they will be on Loudon Road, between Route 106 and Wal-Mart. Isolated traffic delays can be expected.

### **SAWMILL/HOPKINTON ROAD WATER MAIN LINING**

Next week, the contractor will be mobilizing on Hopkinton Road in the vicinity of Loop Road. There will be minimal traffic impacts.

### **SPLIT-BODY TRASH AND RECYCLING TRUCKS**

Casella, the City's contracted trash and recycling vendor, has started to use split-body trucks for their curbside collection routes. Instead of using two separate trucks for recycling and trash, it is more efficient to use one truck, saving both time and money. Residents should not be alarmed if they see trash and recycling being put into the same truck, both are still being separated. Split-body trucks allow for quicker service and will reduce the number of stops at the same location. Residents are likely to see their collection time be earlier than usual, so we ask that residents place their trash and recycling curbside no later than 7 AM.



### **CONCORD RECOGNIZED BY BUSINESS NH MAGAZINE**

Concord was featured in the June 2014 issue of [\*BusinessNH Magazine\*](#) as one of a handful of New Hampshire communities that are "development magnets." The article touted Concord's revitalized South Main Street and attributed much of that renaissance to the City's initiative to build the Capital Commons parking garage. In the article, Deputy City Manager Carlos Baia talks about the City's 2003 establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in the old Sears block, which helped to finance the development of the 516-space parking garage and several other improvement projects.

